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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
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KLAUS W. HARTIG, et. al. : Group Art Unit: 1315
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Serial No.: 08/486,643 : Examiner: T. Speer
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Filed: June 7, 1995 : Atty. Dkt. No.: 2372.853
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For: METHOD OF MAKING HEAT :
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REFLECTING SPUTTER- :
COATED GLASSES :

COMMUNICATION

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication of the Examiner
(Paper No. 9) dated February 18, 1997.

This application has been, kindly and appropriately,
suspended from prosecution to await the outcome of the Board of
Appeals' decision in a co-pending application.

On July 29, 1997, applicants' undersigned counsel thoroughly
checked the status of the aforesaid co-pending application and
its appeal at the Board of Appeals. The Board's clerk advised
the undersigned counsel that the case has "not been assigned a
panel as yet."

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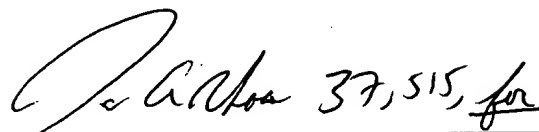
It is to be noted in this respect that applicants advised the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on October 25, 1995 that all briefing had been completed and that no reply brief would be filed. Thus it is apparent, given the Board of Appeals heavy backlog, that this case may be yet a few months to resolution.

In an attempt to get a more official update, applicants have filed simultaneously herewith a status inquiry, with the Board of Appeals, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP §709, the Examiner is respectfully requested to continue the suspension of prosecution for another six month period. If at any time within that suspension, Applicants receive a decision from the Board of Appeals, they will promptly bring that decision to the attention of the Examiner, although it is to be noted that the Examiner in the subject case is the same Examiner handling the application which is up on appeal.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the above, he is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at his below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

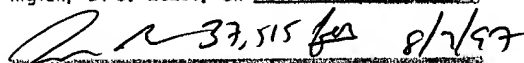
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